

Q So that you were the only person working on the case?

A Yes, sir; until the following Monday.

Q And you didn't think it of vital importance to keep persons away from the place where the bodies were found, nor to take and preserve all of the various papers, eye-glasses, and so forth, so that they could have been examined for finger prints? You didn't think it important to take photographs?

What did you think was important to be done at this time,

Mr. Totten? A Everything was important to have been done at that time. We didn't take photographs on account of the state of the bodies. They were very much decomposed.

Q Well, could that have affected the film?

A It was thought advisable to take them away from the scene as quickly as possible, which was done. The ground was very hard; there wasn't tracks of an automobile. Scarcely even tracks of persons walking on the ground. At that time I thought everything was done that was possible to have been done at that time.

Q Of course you realized, didn't you, that if the letters were found, and the eye-glasses, and so forth, and handled by persons, it would be very difficult to prove anything with respect to finger prints therefore, didn't you?

A They were carefully preserved and were examined immediately after, several days later.